Postdoctoral Research Fellow: Sustainable Landscapes

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Posting period: Feb 25 – April 1
Position title: Postdoctoral Fellow

Description: We invite applications for a Postdoctoral Research Fellow with training in ecosystem services, resource economics, environmental geography, land systems science, or similar. An interest and familiarity with development issues is a plus.

The Fellow will develop an innovative research program to be pursued within an interdisciplinary initiative to push forward theory and practice of landscape sustainability and resilience. The successful candidate will work directly with Dr. Elena Bennett and Dr. Brian Robinson at McGill University in Montreal, Canada as part of the Landscapes Theme of the new McGill Sustainability Science Initiative. In this capacity, the Fellow will (1) help lead and coordinate interdisciplinary teams involved in place-based research with scholars from across McGill and beyond and, within this framework, (2) pursue their own individual research agenda. We seek candidates committed to working at the science/policy interface, in interdisciplinary research teams, and alongside communities to co-produce questions and solutions.

While there is flexibility in the specific research projects pursued by the fellow, the questions will address issues of landscape sustainability and social-ecological resilience, most likely with a focus on ecosystem services. For example, quantifying the role of trade and “teleconnections” in the provision of ecosystem services; modelling the contribution of various forms of capital to the provision of ecosystem services in different landscapes; examining how demand-side factors shape access and provision of ecosystem services; or elucidating linkages between landscape configuration, ecosystem services, and human well-being in a case study landscape.

Qualifications: Candidates must have a PhD in a field related to landscape sustainability (e.g., resource economics, geography, natural resources, environment, ecology), including those with robust quantitative training in an interdisciplinary degree program. Experience in stakeholder engagement, managing interdisciplinary research projects, and bilingual in French and English are pluses. We welcome applications from indigenous peoples, visible minorities, ethnic minorities, persons with disabilities, women, persons of minority sexual orientations and gender identities, and others who may contribute to further diversification.

Application Details: This position is based at McGill University in Montreal, Canada. Base salary is $50k/year, plus benefits. Travel to local and possibly international field sites is expected. This is a full-time (40 hrs/week), 12-month, fixed-term position with a start date as soon as a suitable candidate is identified. Renewal for another 12 months may be possible pending available funding. Interested candidates should email with (i) a cover letter describing their research interests and qualifications, with particular attention to what you would like to work on in this postdoc; (ii) a CV; (iii) 1-2 representative publications; and (iv) a list of 3 references to mssi@mcgill.ca, attention: Landscapes Postdoc. Review of applications will begin on March 15, 2018. Shortlisted candidates will be contacted.